THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a Yes, Sir. except at. Nalgonda.

(b) The daily average sale of tickets has dropped from 212 to 8-0 at Guntur, from 55 to 4 at Sat-tenapalli from 11 to 6 at Miryala-guda. At Nalgonda, the sal$_e$ of tick, ets increased from 7 to 10 per day. This has been re-examined. Since there is no drop i$_n$ through passengers, it is not desirable to alter the existing schedule of the train.

Introduction of Rajdhani Express Type Superfast Train t$_0$ State Capitals

349. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Rajdhani Express type Superfast trains to every State capi_ tal; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the trains proposed to be introduced in the current financial year and also in the remaining years of the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) NO, Sir.

(b) At present a proposal for introduction of Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin and Madras during the next Financial year i$_s$ under active consideration.

Changes in policy of Manufacture of Railway Wagons

350. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: WiU the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to"state:

(a) whether Government contemp late to effect some changes in respect of policy of manufacture of railway wagons;

(b) whether these proposed chan ges would affect the viability of wagons manufacturing engineering industries under Public sector, located mainly in Eastern Regio$_n$ of the country and als$_0$ the economy and employment scenario of the Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take so that economy and employment avenue$_s$ of the Eastern Region are protested and engineering PSU$_S$ of the area, remain visible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c Do not arise.

Railway Accidents

351. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seve ral railway accidents have taken place during th$_e$ past on$_e$ year in th$_e$ country;

(b) if so, what are th$_e$ details thereof and the losses suffered in both human lives and properties;

(c) whethe$_r$ responsibility has been fixed in each case; and

(d) steps taken to minimise such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During th$_e$ financial year 1991-92, 530 train accidents occurred over all Indian Railways which i$_s$ inclu. save of 30 collisions, 444 derailments, 47 level crossing gate accidents and 9 cases of fire in trains. A$_s$ a result of these accidents, 229 pesrons lost their lives, 884 were injured and th$_e$ cost of damag$_e$ to railway pro perty has been assessed as Rs. 25.40 crores.

(c) Each and every accident is inquired into and based On the out-